

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on
Friday Jan 6 1928

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& Kennison x

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& confirmed x

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accounts amounted to £589-10-3 as shown
on pages 91 & 92 of the cash book was recommended.
The report was received on the motion of Mr
Rennie & Masters x

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printed & circulated. Mr Masters seconded
the motion which was carried.

Auditors - It was decided to recommend to the annual
meeting that the auditors fees be increased
from 30 guineas to 50 guineas x

Report - on the motion of Messrs Callaway & Masters
it was decided that the preparation
of the Annual Report be left to the President
& Secretary x

Library - The Library Committee reported that it had
selected Miss Cumming formerly assistant
at the Peabody Library as junior assistant x
The report was approved.

3/2/28. C. J. Thring
Chairman.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Members of the Melbourne Athenæum held
in the Art Gallery on Monday January 23
1928 at 8 p.m.

Present - The President (Mr G. H. Wigg) in the chair Mr Lush
Callaway Rennie (Trustees) Hall, Topp, Dillon,
(Members of Committee) Evans life member and
eighteen other members x

Apologies - apologies were received from Mr Trustees &
Brearley x

Notice - The notice concerning the meeting was read &
confirmed.

Minutes - The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on
Jan 24. 1927 were read & confirmed

Annual Report - on the motion of Mr Tol Williams & Mr Gorman
the Annual Report & statement of accounts
were taken as read x

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE
MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,
FOR THE YEAR 1927.

To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting
Monday, January 23, 1928, at 8 p.m.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submits
its report of the transactions of the year 1927,
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THE COMMITTEE.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

The President, Mr. G. H. Wigg	attended	10
The Vice-President, Dr. J. A. KENNISON	"	8
Trustee and Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES RENNIE	"	10
Trustees { Mr. GEORGE LUSH	"	7
Mr. W. A. CALLAWAY	"	6

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Martin	attended	0	Mr. Dillon	attended	10
Mr. Masters	"	8	Mr. Brearley	"	0
Mr. Topp	"	9	Dr. Altmann	"	2
Mr. Hall	"	5	Mr. Coy	"	3
Mr. Thomson	"	4	Mr. Bothroyd	"	2

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Callaway, Thomson, Hall, Brearley, Masters, and the
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The President, Vice-President, Treasurer and the fol-
lowing members of the Committee, who are eligible for
re-election, retire from office, viz., Messrs. Dillon,
Masters, Topp, Brearley, Thompson, Hall and Dr.
Altmann.

FINANCIAL.

The statement of accounts submitted herewith must
be very satisfactory to members. It will be seen that
the gross ordinary receipts for the year amounted to
£7305/17/-, an increase of £404/3/11 over the previous
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£500 received from the City Council in connection with the resumption of light areas, there remained a balance of £1565/1/6. Your Committee was thus able to pay £1000 off the mortgage, thereby reducing it to £10,000.

The most gratifying feature of the statement is the continued increase in members' subscriptions (£71/4/5). On the expenditure side, your Committee has been able to allocate £1583/6/8 for books, magazines and newspapers—an increase of £29/3/7 over the figures for 1926.

As an indication of the steady progress of the Institution, the following table, showing the receipts from subscriptions and the gross receipts for the last ten years will be interesting, thus:—

Subscriptions.	Total Receipts.
1918 702 4 3	2773 10 2
1919 854 18 6	3361 5 1
1920 1172 9 3	4453 11 1
1921 1473 13 9	4942 3 5
1922 1707 6 6	5376 8 8
1923 1882 17 5	5876 9 5
1924 2169 6 11	6266 17 4
1925 2399 4 3	6692 15 6
1926 2690 7 1	6901 13 1
1927 2761 11 6	7305 17 0

THE NEW TOWN HALL.

The re-building of the Melbourne Town Hall necessitated an agreement with the City Council authorities, referred to in the last annual report. Under this agreement, the Council paid the Trustees the sum of £500 for the purchase of the rights waived, and bore all costs. The completion of the work did not materially interfere with the windows affected, nor with the light in the rooms.

THE LIBRARY.

The Library and Reading Room still continue to be most attractive, and the steady increase in membership is not only gratifying, but a distinct proof of their popularity. On several occasions members have expressed their satisfaction with the excellent provision made for them, and of the competence and courtesy of the Library Staff.

Your Committee is pleased to report that the attendance of members in the evening and on public holidays is still increasing. The increase in the number of country subscribers, many of whom live a long distance from the city, still continues.

The following donations of works have been kindly made:—

- Victorian Year Book, presented by A. M. Laughton, Esq. Government Statist.
- The Christian Science Monitor, from First Church of Christ Scientist Melbourne.
- The Presbyterian Messenger, by Messrs. Arbuckle, Waddell Pty. Ltd.
- The New Zealand Official Year Book, by the Government of New Zealand.
- The Church of England Messenger, by the Diocese of Melbourne.
- The Commonwealth Gazette, by the Commonwealth Government.
- Two Copies of Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, supplied regularly by Stillwell and Stephens Pty. Ltd.
- New South Wales Church Magazine by New South Wales Church Press
- Literary Guide from P. Taylor, Esq.
- Victorian Government Gazette, by the Government of Victoria.
- New Zealand Parliamentary Papers, by the Government of New Zealand.

The proprietors of the principal metropolitan and provincial newspapers have also each contributed one copy of their journals.

During the year, a screen has been placed in the reading-room, in order to enclose "the ladies' corner." The effect has been to make this portion of the reading-room much more cosy and comfortable.

THE BOSTON ATHENÆUM.

While the Secretary was in America, he visited the Boston Athenæum, established in 1807, and was cordially received. He found the Boston Athenæum very much on the same lines as the Melbourne Athenæum. On leaving Boston, the Trustees gave him a copy of "The Athenæum Centenary," as a presentation to the Institution. The gift was highly appreciated by your Committee. The book has been placed in the Reference Library.

ART GALLERY.

The popularity of the Art Gallery has been maintained. Exhibitions succeeded one another from February 14th to December 17th. The exhibitors were Messrs. Carlyle Jackson, Rupert Bunny, F. R. Thompson, H. Septimus Power, Blamire Young, E. Finlay, A. E. Newbury, Bernard Hall, A. Colquhoun, Mr. and Mrs. J. Farmer, Misses Bale, Gurdon, Lahey, Beckett, Cumbræ Stewart, the Women's Art Club, Twenty Melbourne Painters, and the Australian Art Association.

Your Committee is pleased to report that there is not a vacant date for the gallery for this year, and that many bookings for 1929 have been made already.

CHESS CLUB.

The membership of the Chess Club still goes on increasing, the number of chess players being more than 150. Your Committee congratulates one of its members, Mr. S. H. Zichy Woinarski, on having been runner-up for the last Australasian Chess Championship.

THE STAFF.

Your Committee desires to express its appreciation of the zeal and care shown during the year in their several duties by the Secretary, the Librarian and the other members of the staff.

Your Committee is pleased to report that the Secretary, who was absent on leave for eight months owing to illness, was able to resume duty on October 1, after being in America and England. During his absence, the Librarian acted as Secretary, to the complete satisfaction of the Committee. While in England, the Secretary interviewed the agents of the Institution in London, and was able to make arrangements, whereby it is hoped an improvement in the purchasing of books, magazines, etc., will result.

Your Committee has to report that Miss Cooper, who has been the second assistant in the Library for ten years, has resigned. Miss Cooper has given the Institution most loyal and valuable service, and members will bid her farewell with regret and good wishes for her future.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Art Gallery on Monday, January 23rd, at 8 p.m. Members are reminded that, under the new rules, "Candidates for the vacant offices shall be nominated in writing, each nomination shall be signed by two members of the Institution and by the candidate, and shall be delivered to the Secretary seven clear days before the Annual Meeting."

GEO. H. WIGG, President.
R. W. E. WILMOT, Secretary.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.
For the Year ended 31st December, 1927.

To Balance	£142 7 11	By Interest on Mortgage	£2707 8 8
Subscriptions	£2761 11 6	Salaries and Wages	1965 9 0
Rents	4098 12 4	Books, Magazines & Newspapers	1688 6 8
Sales & Sundries	364 10 8	Gas, Electric Light and Power	287 15 0
Railage & Postage Refunds	81 2 6	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries	283 11 5
		Rates and Taxes	788 11 3
		Insurance	£761 0 6
		Less paid by Lessee 372 0 0	
	7,305 17 0	Binding	889 0 6
		Printing, Postage, Stationery & Petty Cash	44 9 9
		Railage & Postage to Country Subscribers	182 6 4
		Advertising	81 2 6
		Auditors	19 12 6
		Improvements	31 10 0
		Decorations	86 0 3
			33 0 0
			6883 8 5
		Balance	1065 1 6
	£7,448 4 11		£7448 4 11
Balance brought down	£1065 1 6	Reduction of Mortgage	£1000 0 0
Melbourne City Council	500 0 0	Balance	565 1 6
	£1565 1 6		£1565 1 6

Audited and found correct,
JOHN BISHOP, F.C.P.A., } AUDITORS.
L. N. RAINEY, A.I.C.A., }

MELBOURNE, 6th January, 1928

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Estimated value of the real Property of the Institution as per City Valuation January 1925 (Subject to Lease to Frank Talbot Pty. Ltd., as to Theatre portion expiring July 16, 1962)	Loan under Mortgage (Rate 6½ per cent., due July 1929)
Value of Library	Balance (subject to Lease as per contra)
.. Furniture	
Bank Balance	
£80,000 0 0	£10,000 0 0
1,500 0 0	72,565 1 6
500 0 0	
565 1 6	
£82,565 1 6	£82,565 1 6

CHARLES RENNIE, TREASURER.

The President in moving the adoption of the report said he was pleased to say that the forecast of the late President that the progress of the Institution had not reached the peak had been realized & the mortgage had been reduced by £1000 from £11,000. He had to express the regret of members at the death of their member of the Committee their loyal & generous work would be sadly missed. Death had also removed another old member a former President & Committee man in Mr C. H. Cooke & the Committee was glad to see the Secretary back at work thoroughly benefited by his rest after a period of ill health. He would direct the attention of members to the screen erected as an improvement to the ladies corner & the Committee had welcomed an increased demand for works of better class literature biography travel &c & had been able to supply it. The library possessed many early editions of the old standard works which could not be replaced elsewhere & there had been a greater demand

for magazines & the Committee had increased the supply & he wished to express the appreciation of the Committee of the services of the staff. Mr Depledge the Librarian had acted as secretary during Mr Wilson's absence to the complete satisfaction of all. The Committee regretted the resignation of Mrs Cooper who left at the end of the year for family reasons. They would miss her willing help & cautious manner. Mr Rennie in seconding the motion referred to the statement of accounts. He thought members would support the Committee in adequately recompensing the staff. He felt that the Institution had never had a better staff & he felt gratified that it had been possible to pay off another £1000 of the mortgage & hoped to reduce it still further this year. He thought the comparative table printed in the report showed the popularity of the Institution & that it was attractive to members.

Several members expressed opinions regarding the institution & the President undertook that these matters would receive the attention of the Committee. The motion was then carried unanimously. The President announced that as the number of houses had not exceeded the number of vacancies for office bearers he would declare the following elected.

PRESIDENT

G. H. Wigg

VICE-PRESIDENT

W. A. Callaway

TREASURER

Charles Rennie

GENERAL COMMITTEE

- 27 J. A. Kennison
- " C. A. Topp
- " G. B. Hall
- " A. J. Masters
- " J. H. D. Brearley
- " C. A. Altmann
- " E. E. Dillon
- " F. A. Campbell
- " W. F. Greenwood
- " A. M. Meudell
- " J. O. Thomson
- " J. H. Cumpston Rs
- " R. Williams
- " D. A. Cameron.

Auditors

Moved by Rev G. N. Bishop seconded by Mr Farnwell

That Messrs. Wilson, Bishop & Henderson and Mr. L. N. Rainey be reappointed Auditors at a fee of Fifty Guineas.

carried.

Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks proposed by Mr A. M. Meudell & seconded by the Rev G. N. Bishop was accorded to the retiring office bearers & the staff by acclamation.
 G. N. Wigg
 23 January 1929. Chairman.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday February 3 1928

Present - Messrs Wegg (Chair) Topp, Callaway, Hugh Rennie, Dillon, Mastis, Thomson, Hall, Mendell, Campbell, Greenwood & Kenison, Rev D. Cameron & Lt Col Williams.

apologies were received from Dr Cumpston & W Bready. Before the meeting opened the President welcomed Messrs Mendell, Greenwood, Campbell, Mastis & Cameron & Lt Col Williams on taking their seats as members of committee. The various members returned thanks.

Minutes - The minutes of meeting of Jan 6 were read & confirmed & the minutes of the annual meeting were read & approved.

Finance - The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for January & had found them correct & the payment of accounts as shown on pages 93 & 94 of the cash book amounting to £ 321-12-4. was recommended. The Treasurer explained the figures in detail & the report was adopted on the motion of Messrs Rennie & Hall.

Sub-Committees - The following sub-committees were appointed,

Finance	Library	House
The President	The President	The President
Mr Bready	Dr. Astmann	Dr. Astmann
" Callaway	Mr Callaway	Mr Dillon
" Hall	Dr Kenison	Dr Kenison
" Mastis	Mr Lusk	Mr Rennie
" Rennie	" Rennie	" Thomson
" Thomson	" Topp	" Mastis
" Cameron	" Greenwood	" Mendell
" Campbell	Lt Col Williams	Dr Cumpston.

Confirmed
Mr Callaway
Dr Rennie

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday March 2. 1928

Present - Messrs Callaway (Chair) Lusk, Renni, Greenwood, Thomson, Cameron, Campbell, Hall, Mastis, Mendell, Topp & Kenison, Col Williams, & Dr Cumpston

apologies - Mr Wegg & Mr Bready sent apologies for non attendance

Minutes - The minutes of meeting of February 3 were read & confirmed

Dr Cumpston - The Chairman welcomed Dr Cumpston on taking his seat for the first time

accounts - The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for February & had found them correct. They recommended payment of the accounts shown on pages 95 & 96 of the cash book amounting to £ 617-3-8. The committee also recommended increase in salaries as shown herewith. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Rennie & Thomson.

English Speaking Union - The application of the English speaking union for the use of the upper hall for a lecture was granted at the nominal rental of one guinea provided the regulations of the Fire Underwriters Association were fully complied with.

Meeting Library - The date of the next meeting was fixed for Mar 30. The report of the Library Committee was adopted.

Confirmed
E. St. Hill. 30/3/28

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Mar 30.

Present - Messrs Wigg, Reunie, Lush, Topp, Greenwood, Callaway, Hall, Campbell, Mackin, Dillon, Cameron, Dr Keenison & Cumpston & Lt Col Williams.

Apologies - apologies were received from Mr Thomson & Meudell

Minutes - The minutes of meeting of March 2 were read & confirmed

Finance - The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for March & had found them correct. The payment of accounts £ 586-10-7 as shown on pp 97-98 of the cash book was approved.

The recommendation report of the Finance Committee regarding Slight Lane as shown on page 22 of the Finance Committee minute book was adopted (as shown hereunder) on condition that the Victoria Palace attend to the cleaning of the lane

Library - The report of the Library Committee was adopted

4th May 1928. E. St Wigg

Chairman

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday Mar 4. 1928

Present - Messrs Wigg, Callaway, Lush, Reunie, Topp, Greenwood, Hall, Dillon, Mackin, Meudell, Lt Col Williams & Dr Keenison

Apologies - apologies were received from Mr Mackin, Thomson & Cameron

Finance - The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for April & had found them correct & the payment of accounts

re SLIGHT'S LANE

This lane runs from the back of our property to Little Collins Street, The Victoria, the Town Hall and the Athenaeum have frontages to it thus:-

Victoria Palace	272 ft.
Melb. Athenaeum	36 "
City Council	13 " 6 in.

Total 321 ft. 6 in.

The City Council proposes to level the lane, regrade it, improve the underground drain, and to repave it with asphalt. The estimated cost is not to exceed £650.

The Deputy Town Clerk has had several interviews with the Secretary of the Athenaeum and the Secretary of the Victoria with a view to apportioning the cost. The following proposal is made after various discussions:-

The Victoria to pay	£400
The Athenaeum	125
The City Council	125
Total	£650

On a strict reckoning of frontage to the lane the proportions would be:-

Victoria Palace	£550
Athenaeum	70
City Council	30
Total	£650

Amounting to £735.19.10 as shown on pages 99 & 100 of the Cash book was recommended.

The Treasurer read a comparative statement of receipts & expenditure for his motion seconded by Col Williams the report was adopted.

Library

The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Messrs Topp & Traskis.

Confirmed 1st June 1928

E. J. Topp, Chairman

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on June 1. 1928

Present

Mr Nigg, Callaway, Bush, Greenwood, Traskis, Hall, Thomson, Mendell, Campbell Dillon.

Apologies
Present

Dr. Keelson & Col Williams
apologies were received from Mrs. Reine & Topp & Keelson.
The minutes of meeting of 17th & 4th were read &

Confirmed.

Finance

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for 1927 & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £522.1.2 as shown on pages 1 & 2 of the Cash book was recommended.

The President in the absence of the Treasurer read a statement showing the financial position & said the Finance Committee recommended the payment of £500 in reduction of the mortgage thus bringing it down to £9500.

The recommendations were adopted on the motion of Mrs Traskis & Hall.

Land Tax

The Secretary reported that the Land Tax authorities had asked for plans of the building & had indicated that the Commissioners proposed to make an assessment if not of the whole site at least for the portion occupied by shops & theatre. He also read a letter from the solicitors Mr Greenwood & Duncan on the subject.

After a discussion it was decided to furnish tracings of the plans to be prepared by Mr Dyer Smith of 99 & 101. It was further decided to ask the President & Mr Greenwood to interview the Taxpayers ass^{rs} on the matter with the view

of ascertaining what other institutions were doing.
 The report of the Library Committee was adopted.
 C. J. Wigg - Chairman
 6th July 1928

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held
 on July 6.

Present Messrs Messrs. Topp, Callaway, Williams Revere
 D-Kennison Mendenhall, Cameron, Rastus, Campbell
 orlon Greenwood.

apologies apologies were received from Mrs Thomson Secretary
 W. Cumpston.

Minutes The minutes of meeting June 1 were read & confirmed.

Finance The Finance committee reported that the auditors
 had audited the books & accounts for June & had
 found them correct. The payment of accounts
 amounting to £470.9.0 as shown on pages 4 & 5 of
 the cash book was recommended & the renewal of
 the insurance policies falling due in July was
 also recommended.

The Treasurer read the comparative statement & the
 report was adopted on his motion & seconded by
 W. Callaway.

Land Tax The report of the valuation of the President & W.
 Greenwood with the tax papers as a was received
 & approved. The Secretary reported having
 forwarded the plans to the Deputy Commissioner.

D. Cumpston The resignation of D. Cumpston who is leaving for
 Cambridge was accepted with regret. The
 Secretary was instructed to write & thank D. Cumpston
 for his services to the Institution.

Miscellaneous The Library Committee recommended that Mrs
 Cummins be granted three months leave on account
 of illness on full salary & that Mrs Cre be appointed
 as temporary assistant. Moved by N. Topp seconded
 by W. Revere that the recommendation be adopted. Carried.
 Confirmed 3rd August 1928
 C. J. Wigg.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE
 Comparative Statement

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.
June 1927		829	5	2
" 1928		833	7	5
6 months 1927 (Incl. 2500 Town Hall)		4416	12	9
6 mos. 1928		3967	5	3
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SUBSCRIPTIONS				
June 1927		239	8	6
" 1928		264	6	3
6 mos. 1927		1461	1	3
" 1928		1513	2	6
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EXPENDITURE				
June 1927		396	15	8
" 1928		1022	1	2
6 mos. 1927		3314	1	1
" 1928		3873	17	2
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BANK BALANCE				
June 1927		1244	19	7
" 1928		658	9	7

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE RE LAND TAX

Messrs. Wigg & Greenwood with the Secretary attended the office of The Taxpayers' Association on Monday, June 18, and discussed the matter with Mr. Pettigrove.

It was decided to recommend that the Institution should rely on the letter from the Commissioner dated April 28, 1911, and also on Section 13 of the Act, Sub-sections 2, 3 & 4.

The Sub-committee considers that the Institution ought not to pay Land Tax, and in the event of an assessment notice being served that a special meeting of the Committee should be called to make arrangements to take steps to lodge an appeal.

Mr. Pettigrove promised to obtain information regarding the position of similar institutions.

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Present Mrs Wigg, Topp, Greenwood, Callaway, Bush, Weston,
Dillon, Rennie, Campbell, Mendell, O'Keenison &
Lt Col Withams

apologies apologies were received from Mrs Cannon Thomson
& Brearly

Minutes The minutes of the meeting of July 7 were read &
confirmed x

Accounts The Finance Committee reported having audited
the books & accounts for July & had found them
correct x The payment of accounts amounting to
£605-9-2. as shown on pages 7 & 8 of the cash
book was recommended x

The Treasurer read a statement showing the
comparative positions for 1927 & 1928 & moved
the adoption of the report. Mr Callaway seconded
the motion which was carried x

Chess Club an application for the use of the Board room
for an exhibition of chess curiosities & treasures
was discussed & it was decided that the
Board Room was not suitable. The matter
was left in the hands of the ^{President} Secretary & Treasurer
to arrange if possible for some other
accommodation x

Utilities The Trustees Messrs Bush Callaway &
Rennie were appointed to represent the
Institutions on the City Council roll.

Regal of War The Secretary reported that the right of War
Shelphs Hall was under reconstruction &
would be finished in a few days x

Confirmed 7th Sept 1928
C. J. Wigg.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on September 7. 1928

Present Mrs Wigg, Lush, Rennie, Topp, Martin, Greenwood, Mendell, Thomson, Dillon, Dr Kennison & Lt Col Williams

apologies apologies were received from Mrs Cameron Callaway & Brearly

Minutes The minutes of meeting of August 3 were read & confirmed.

Finance The finance committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for August & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ 858-5-9 as shown on pages 8 & 9 of the cash book was recommended.

Chess Club The chess club application for a room to hold an exhibition had been referred to the secretary for report. The secretary reported that he had had an interview with Mr Briggs the President of the Chess Club & had arranged that the out portion of the office would be made available Mr Briggs had expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with this arrangement.

Library The report of the library committee was adopted.

Confirmed 5th Oct 1928
C. T. Wigg.

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on October 5 1928

Present Mrs Wigg (Chair) Lush, Rennie, Callaway, Martin, Greenwood, Brearly, Campbell, Mendell, Dr Kennison & Lt Col Williams

apologies apologies were received from Mrs Topp & Thomson

Minutes The minutes of meeting of Sept 7 were read & confirmed.

Finance The finance committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for September & had found them correct. They recommended the payment of accounts amounting to £ 501-8-3 as shown on pages 10 & 11 of the cash book. The treasurer read the statement showing the comparison of the accounts for further months. The report & statement were received & adopted on the motion of Mrs Rennie & action.

Secretary The President submitted the following recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding leave of absence for the Secretary:

"That leave of absence be granted to the Secretary from October 9 to October 30 to enable him to visit Western Australia and South Australia on behalf of The Argus; and from November 14 or 26 to December 22 to visit Queensland and New South Wales for the same purpose. This leave of absence to be regarded as in lieu of annual leave."

Moved by Mr Brearly seconded by Lt Col Williams "That the recommendation be adopted" carried

Moved by Mr Callaway seconded by Mr Greenwood

"That Mr. De Pledge be appointed acting secretary during the absence of the Secretary, and that he be authorized to sign cheques and other documents in conjunction with the Treasurer. That the Bank be duly notified." carried.

Library The Report of the library committee was adopted.

Confirmed
5th November 1928
C. T. Wigg.

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee
held on Friday November 2 1928

Present-

Messrs Wigg (Chair) Topp, Callaway, Rennie
Lush, Dillon, Campbell, Cameron, Hendell
Greenwood, O'Keenison & Col Williams,

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of October 5 were
read & confirmed.

accounts

The Treasurer on behalf of the Finance
Committee reported that the auditors had
audited the books and accounts for
October & had found them correct. The
payment of accounts amounting to
£327.5.4 as shown on pages 10 & 11 of
the cash book was recommended.

The Treasurer read a statement showing
comparative figures for 1927 & 1928.

The report was adopted on the motion of
Messrs Rennie & Williams.

Chess Club

The Secretary reported having received
from the Chess Club a message of passing
satisfaction at the arrangements made
for the Chess Exhibition which had been
largely attended. He had suggested to
the Chess Club that in future the exhibition
might be held in January in the art
galleries.

Confirmed 7th Dec 1928
E. T. Wigg.
Chairman.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE
Comparative Statement.

RECEIPTS-		£	s.	d.
	Nov. 1927	512	2	0
	" 1928	562	12	7
	11 months 1927 (Incl. £500 from Town Hall)	7455	8	0
	11 months 1928	7024	19	5

SUBSCRIPTIONS-		£	s.	d.
	Nov. 1927	173	9	0
	" 1928	202	9	0
	11 months 1927	2556	12	3
	" " 1928	2583	16	6

EXPENDITURE-		£	s.	d.
	Nov. 1927	325	5	3
	" 1928	327	15	3
	11 months 1927	6701	3	4
	" " 1928	6637	4	7

BANK BALANCE-		£	s.	d.
	Nov. 1927	896	12	7
	" 1928	952	16	4

Estimated Balance 31/12/28

	£	s.	d.
Balance Nov.30, 1928	952	16	4
Estimated Receipts for Dec.	<u>700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	1652	16	4
Less A/cs to be passed Dec.7-			
Ordinary	610	11	6
Town Hal 1	<u>103</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>713 16 6</u>
Estimated Balance December 31	£	938.19.	10

This will enable the Committee to pay
£2500 off the mortgage and leave £438.19.10
towards the accounts estimated at £600 to
be paid in January, during which month the
receipts are estimated at £550.

- Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Dec 7. 1928
- Present Morrison Wigg, Topp, Greenwood, Callaway, Rennie Lush, Campbell, Thomson, Master, Dillon, Bradell, & Kennison.
- apologies apologies were received from Mr Brearley & Lt Col. Williams.
- Minutes The minutes of Dec 2 were read & confirmed.
- Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for November & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £713.16.6 was recommended.
- Statements The Treasurer read statements showing the comparisons of the accounts for the first three months of 1927 & 1928, and an estimate of the receipts & expenditure for December as shown herewith.
- The report was adopted & the statements approved.
- Reduction of Mortgage The Treasurer moved & Mr Master seconded "That the A. M. P. Society be empowered that a sum of £500 would be paid in reduction of the mortgage on Dec 31 and that a cheque for this amount be drawn & paid."
- Carried.
- Next Meeting It was decided that the next meeting of the General Committee be held on Friday Jan 11.
- Annual Meeting It was decided to hold the Annual meeting on Wednesday Jan 23 & that nominations should close on Jan 15.
- Conformed
11th Jan 1929
C. T. Wigg
Chairman.

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on January 11. 1929

Present Morrison Wigg (Chair) Greenwood, Callaway, Topp, Rennie, Cameron Meadell, Campbell Thomson, Dillon Macatus, Littlejohn & McKennison.

Minutes The minutes of meeting of Dec 7 were read & confirmed.

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books and accounts for December and had found them correct. Accounts amounting to £643-6-0 were recommended for payment.

The Treasurer presented the statement for the month & moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Mr Callaway & carried.

Balance Sheet The Treasurer presented a copy of the balance sheet which had been audited. He explained the various items & moved that the Balance sheet be printed & circulated. Mr Callaway seconded the motion which was carried.

Annual Report The Secretary presented the draft of the annual report which was approved subject to revision by the President.

Secretary The Secretary's application for leave of absence from the next meeting of the Committee on Feb 1 and from the office from Jan 30 to Feb 8 was granted.

The President The Treasurer asked members to express to the President their appreciation of the services he had rendered to the Institution during his two years as President. He thought this should be placed on record & also that Mr Wigg be congratulated on the admirable position of the Institution. Mr Callaway supported the remarks of the Treasurer and it was decided to record

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.
For the Year ended 31st December, 1928.

To Balance	£565 1 6 ¹	By Interest on Mortgage	£633 15 0 ¹
Subscriptions	£2792 17 0 ¹	Salaries and Wages	1979 15 4 ¹
Rents	4122 12 6 ¹	Books, Magazines & Newspapers	1719 1 5 ¹
Sales & Sundries	365 13 0 ¹	Gas, Electric Light and Power	237 6 3 ¹
Railage & Postage Refunds	91 16 3 ¹	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries	227 7 11 ¹
	7,372 18 9 ¹	Rates and Taxes	730 19 7 ¹
		Insurance	£761 18 0 ¹
		Less paid by Lessee 372 0 0 ¹	389 18 9 ¹
		Binding	60 19 0 ¹
		Printing, Postage, Stationery & Petty Cash	212 15 1 ¹
		Railage & Postage to Country Subscribers	91 16 3 ¹
		Advertising	3 1 6 ¹
		Auditors	31 10 0 ¹
		Improvements	161 7 0 ¹
		Balance	6479 13 1 ¹
			1458 7 2 ¹
			£7938 0 3 ¹
Balance brought down	£1458 7 2 ¹	Reduction of Mortgage	£1000 0 0 ¹
	£1458 7 2 ¹	Balance	458 7 2 ¹
			£1458 7 2 ¹

MELBOURNE, 10th January, 1929
Audited and found correct,
Wilson Bishop & Henderson } AUDITORS.
L. N. Rennie & J. B. D.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Estimated value of the real Property of the Institution as per City Valuation January 1925 (Subject to Lease to Frank Talbot Pty. Ltd., as to Theatre portion expiring July 15, 1962)	£80,000 0 0	Loan under Mortgage (Rate 6½ per cent., due July 1929)	£9,000 0 0
Value of Library	1,500 0 0	Balance (subject to Lease as per contra)	73,458 7 2
" Furniture	500 0 0		
Bank Balance	458 7 2		
	£82,458 7 2		£82,458 7 2

CHARLES RENNIE, TREASURER.